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### **Virginia Man Sentenced to 40-Month Prison Term For Sexual Assault of 14-Year-Old Girl**

WASHINGTON - Phillip Agee, 23, formerly of Lorton, Va., was sentenced today in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to a 40-month prison term for sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Agee pleaded guilty in November 2010 to a charge of attempted first degree child sexual abuse. In sentencing him today, the Honorable Judge Gerald I. Fisher also ordered that Agee be placed on a five-year period of supervised release with sex offender evaluation and treatment. Agee also will be required to register as a sex offender for ten years.

During his plea, Agee admitted to luring the victim, who was particularly vulnerable, into her own bedroom in Northwest Washington, where he sexually assaulted her. Prior to the assault, the defendant locked the victim's bedroom door, removed a handgun from his clothing, and placed it on the victim's desk. After the assault, the victim reported the incident to her mother, who called the police. The attack took place in August 2010.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen expressed his appreciation of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and particularly praised the work of Detective Doretha Johnson. He also commended Child Forensic Interviewer Diamond Vann-Scott of the Child Advocacy Center. He praised the work of Paralegal Cynthia Muhammad, Legal Assistant Etta Ford, and Victim Advocate Tracey Hawkins. Finally, he commended Assistant United States Attorney Sarah McClellan, who investigated and prosecuted the case.

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